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Form for Evaluating Internet Information Resources

(NOTE: This form is not for evaluating productivity software/sites, how-to sites, definition pages, simulation games/sites, educational software/games/sites, or any other Web site except a narrative text, encyclopedia-type information page)

1. **URL of Web page being evaluated:** *https://www.wolframalpha.com/*
 2. **Primary use (students, teacher, parent, other,...):** *Primary use would be for students wanting to find help with their math problems.*
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Questions 3-9 are about the site that is hosting your page.

3. **Truncate the URL of the Web page. What is the domain name of the Web site?**

URL: wolfram

Domain Name: wolfram.com

4. **What is the name of Web site?** *wolframalpha.com*
5. **What is the purpose or goal of this Web site?**

See about page on wolframalpha.com to find their goal: "Wolfram|Alpha's long-term goal is to make all systematic knowledge immediately computable and accessible to everyone."

6. **What organization or individual created this site?**

Organization: *Wolfram Alpha LLC*

Creator: *Stephen Wolfram*

7. **What affiliations/partners does this site have?**

Partner(s): *ChaCha*

8. **What kind of bias does this site have? (Note: every site has a bias, you just have to be aware of what that bias is and be prepared to defend it or present information from other viewpoints.)**

This site has products that you can buy. <http://products.wolframalpha.com/>

9. **What other types of organizations link to this site? (Using the Google search engine, type *link:* and the Web site address (example: *link:www.website.com*))**

GCN: <https://gcn.com/Articles/2012/04/02/Reveiw-WolframAlpha-Pro-contextual-search.aspx>

University of California, Berkeley: <http://statistics.berkeley.edu/computing/alphapro>

10. **Is there a way to provide feedback on the Web site and create an exchange with the author or Web site manager?** *Yes, there is a contact us section on the website which allows you to ask questions or provide feedback. There is also a give us your feedback section.*
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Questions 10-12 are about the specific page that has information for your project/unit:

11. **Who is the author of the page and does that person have valid credentials to present this information (the creator of the site is not always the author of a page within the site)?**

Stephen Wolfram is a computer scientist, physicist, and businessman.

12. **What other references are cited for the information presented?** *Labeled external sources after primary source are given for some queries.*
13. **How old is the material on the page? Is it current or outdated (copyright year is not the same as the last update)?** *Not given. Code is continually updated and thrown out to maintain up to date information with the site.*
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Final evaluation questions:

14. **Are there ads linked to the page or the site that might make this page inappropriate for your audience? Are the ads “sticky” or static? If there are no ads, how is this Web site paid for (where do they get their money)?** *All advertisements I have seen are to the site itself. For example, there is an advertisement that goes to “Premier Service Plus and Personal License Service Plus for Mathematica or as a separate subscription” where you can view pricing. The ads are also static.*
15. **Is there other content on the site that appears affiliated with the information you’ve selected that might make this page inappropriate (a Web site with great tutorials on how to make good movies with sections on how to make a documentary, a biography, an infomercial, etc. might also have a tutorial on making an inappropriate movie)?** *I have not seen any other content that is inappropriate. The advisements are linked directly to the site itself which is the only problem with the site.*
16. **Reviewing your answers above, is this a good page/site to use for your project/unit? Why or why not? (NOTE: Some questions above may not apply to your page; there is no rule as to how many “correct” answers are needed for a page to be good or what constitutes a “bad” page. You just need to be able to justify your choices and the information above can provide good support.)**

This resource would be good to use with the project. There are numerous resources for matrices and combinatorics for this site. It has a combination generator for n choose k and other resources from additional authors which may be useful for students.